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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT : The Princeton Meeting of NCPE, State, and CIA
Regarding Policy Aims, 10 and 11 May 1952

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Participants: [REDACTED], PSB, and [REDACTED] O/DD/P

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1. At Mr. Wisner's request, I called on [REDACTED] today to borrow his notes on the Princeton meeting last week end between NCPE officials on the one side and State-CIA on the other. [REDACTED] notes were not too legible, but he showed me a memorandum he had written for internal PSB distribution regarding the sessions.

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2. From his notes and from conversation I gathered that the most specific suggestion which came out of the meetings was a proposed talk by the President broadly outlining our foreign policy in Europe. (I have passed on a copy of this proposed statement to [REDACTED].) Although broad, it seems to give the NCPE people more of a policy peg on which to hang their broadcasts. According to [REDACTED] it seemed a satisfactory compromise to all concerned. The proposed statement must be checked out with various government departments and agencies here before being submitted to the President.

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3. There was also some discussion of the desirability of setting up a tactical control center to provide guidance on "spot" propaganda matters. [REDACTED] does not think PSB should get into the tactical business or should take any initiative in setting up the center. In view of NCPE's apparent need for immediate guidance when propaganda and counter-propaganda opportunities arise, it seems possible that OPC may look into the desirability of establishing some mechanism.

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4. [REDACTED] does not appear personally convinced of the desirability of propagandizing too strongly in favor of resistance activities behind the Curtain at this juncture. He does feel that Mr. Rostow of [REDACTED] has produced an interesting study on the historical problems of Eastern Europe, which must receive full consideration in planning any political warfare there. He states that this paper makes a start towards formulating U.S. aims for Eastern Europe in such a way as to give the people there a real alternative to choose in place of Communism. Copies of this paper are said to be in OPC files.

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